on January 6,2005 in the aftermath of Tsunami Disaster, was addressed by him to explain India's position about the world aid offered for helping the Tsunami victims and the states concerned;

(b) if so, the details of India's stand as presented at the said summit; and

(c) the response of the ASEAN thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. It was stated that we deeply appreciate the offers of help received from several countries and that it was our evaluation that we could deal with the immediate challenges in the aftermath of the disaster with our own resources. It was also indicated that offers of assistance would be considered, if the need arose, for later phases of rehabilitation and reconstruction.

(c) The leaders of ASEAN and other countries, as well as Heads of regional and international organizations, present in the meeting appreciated the position taken by India as well as the assistance rendered by it to the affected countries in the region.

Handover of Jinnah House

2519. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India had pledged to handover the Jinnah House in Mumbai to Pakistan for its consular offices;

(b) whether India, as a part of the on-going confidence building measures, has set a dead-line to redeem its pledge; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Charges levied for the despatch

2520. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN:Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the charges levied at the embassy level for the dispatch of the